

### **Remarks/Arguments**

this is in response to the office action mailed April 28, 2010. The examiner's indication of the presence of allowable subject matter is appreciatively acknowledged.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the abstract has been amended to comply with the requirements of MPE P. §608.01 (spell B.).

Claim 5, has been amended so that the subject matter of previously canceled claim 1 has been incorporated herein. Additionally, the objected to expression "Rod-like" is no longer appears in the claim us obviating the formal rejection thereof.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of claim 11 therein. Claim 11 has been canceled.

Additionally, the claims have been amended to grammatical errors. No new matter has been added to the claims by virtue of this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims numerals 5-7 are in condition for allowance. In addition, in view of the incorporation of the allowable subject matter of claim 11 into claim 8, amended claim 8 and claims dependent thereon are also allowable. Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims presently in the case as amended are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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